

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicant(s):** Ingemar J. Cox, et al.**Examiner:** A. Di Lorenzo**Serial No:** 09/294,956**Art Unit:** 2131**Filed:** April 20, 1999**Docket:** 12558 (SGNA 1014)**For:** METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
INSERTING AND AUTHENT-
ICATING A DIGITAL SIGNATURE
IN DIGITAL DATA**Dated:** September 20, 2001Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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JDK**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 20, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

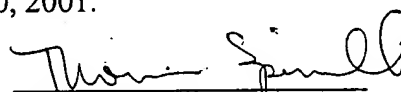
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 23, 25, 26, 65, 69, 71, and 72 and amend the claims as

follows:

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Dated: September 20, 2001
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